

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 11-13, 25, 26 and 30 will have been amended to more clearly define the invention, while not substantially affecting or narrowing the scope of these claims. Further, claim 10 will have been amended to recite a personal database, in addition to the directory database, the interface server obtaining additional information corresponding to the plurality of call data from at least one of the directory database and the personal database.

Also upon entry of the present amendment, new claims 31-36, generally directed to the personal database, will have been entered for the Examiner's consideration. Claim 31 recites that the personal database is populated with additional information, corresponding to a portion of the plurality of call data, via the web client. Claims 32 and 33 respectively recite that the additional information stored in the personal database includes a name and comments associated with each of the call data. In claim 34, the interface server obtains the additional information from the directory database, only when the additional information corresponding to the call data is not available in the personal database. In claim 35, the interface server obtains the additional information from the personal database only when the additional information corresponding to the call data is not available in the directory database. In claim 36, additional information is automatically stored in the personal database when the call data corresponding to the additional information is received by the interface server more than once, based on calls from the subscriber terminal. No new matter has been introduced by these claims. Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

In the above-referenced Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 10-15, 25, 28 and 29

under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WARDIN et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,459,779) in view of BENSON (U.S. Patent No. 6,470,079). The Examiner rejected claims 26, 27 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WARDIN et al. in view of BENSON in further view of DEFAZIO et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,940,484). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections, at least for the reasons stated below.

The Examiner relied on WARDIN et al. as the primary reference in rejecting all pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). WARDIN et al. generally teach creating a telephone billing record with a called party's name. The Examiner asserted that the terminating-number-to-called-party's-name database 364 teaches the directory database recited in independent claim 10. The database 364 is a national and/or international directory assistance database, which enables a terminating name module 36 to perform a reverse directory-assistance look-up, matching the called party's number with a name. *See* col. 2, lines 63-65; col. 3, lines 18-22. However, WARDIN et al. do not teach a customized personal directory database in addition to the directory database, as recited in amended claim 10. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 10 based on any combination including the WARDIN et al. reference is respectfully requested.

With respect to independent claim 25, WARDIN et al. do not teach transmitting the outgoing call data to the subscriber through at least two of the plurality of networks. Rather, the outgoing call data is transmitted to the subscriber over a single network, i.e., through the network interface 298. *See* Fig. 2; col. 2, lines 53-57. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 25 based on any combination including the WARDIN et al. reference is respectfully requested.

The Examiner relied on BENSON only to teach a web server that retrieves outgoing call log

data from an outgoing call log database, generates a report and presents the report at a web subscriber. Therefore, BENSON does not overcome the deficiencies of the primary reference.

The Examiner relied on DEFAZIO et al. only to teach general functionality of an AIN network with regard to claims 26, 27 and 30, including, for example, launching an AIN trigger and obtaining called party data at a service control point. Therefore, DEFAZIO et al. do not overcome the deficiencies of the WARDIN et al. and BENSON references.

With regard to claims 11-15, 26-30, and 31-36, Applicants assert that they are allowable at least because they depend, directly or indirectly, from independent claims 10 and 25, respectively, which Applicants submit have been shown to be allowable, in addition to being allowable based on their respective subject matter. For example, no combination of WARDIN et al., BENSON or DEFAZIO et al. teaches or suggests additional information in a customized personal database that includes names (claim 32) and comments (claim 33), or automatically populating the personal database with outgoing call data based on repeat calls from the subscriber terminal (claim 36).

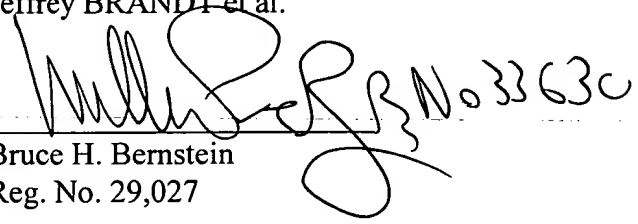
In view of the herein contained amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of previously asserted rejections set forth in the Official Action of July 7, 2004, together with an indication of the allowability of all pending claims, in due course. Such action is respectfully requested and is believed to be appropriate and proper.

Any amendments to the claims in this Reply, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

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Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this Reply or the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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